Subject: Chat with David G.
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me: yo man
David: hey, what's the haps?
David: (gimme the link to yer irc room again)
me: couple things
David: go on
me: irc.project-pm.org
me: we're re-starting OpTunisia
David: yeah?
me: with some of the Tunisians
David: I ain't been followin' events too closely in that country... what's the latest?
me: they want to help ensure that a particular candidate is elected rather than one of Ben-Ali's old henchman
me: things are good, but the election will determine how things play out
me: one of my Tunisian contacts will be meeting with this candidate's campaign soon to coordinate
me: aside from helping with that, this is a good chance to experiment with ways to help support pro-liberty candidates in other countries via online groups
me: the effort will be organized through Project PM since Anon doesn't endorse candidates, but will include lots of Anons
David: define 'pro-liberty.' Unambiguously and unequivocably.
me: in this case, someone who is more apt to promote free speech, etc than other candidates
David: (right to assembly doesn't get enough mention right now; the attacks on freedom of speech around the world are largely efforts to undermine assembly)
me: as in, actual, concrete policies that provide for free action by citizens relative to whatever else is being proposed
me: I should say "relatively pro-liberty" since almost all candidates in every election support some form or another of state intervention
me: anyway, it's not necessarily important that this particular win, but rather that other candidates don't
David: Yeah
me: in my view, the thing is to keep younger Tunisians excited, motivated, ready to vote, and especially interested in organizing online
David: that said... there's a big difference between an opposition movement (whose goal is to take out a regime) and a political party (whose goal is to set policy)
me: Tunisia, of course, has online activism on the brain and owes quite a bit to it
me: I know
David: like, have you followed all of Ghadaffi's rants for the last few months?

me: not particularly, no
David: blaming 'kleenix' (wikileaks), nazis, nato, russia, etc etc
David: most people dismiss him as a nutbag
David: I don't
David: he's a 20th century world leader/despot.
David: he has no comprehension of 'the internet' as a singular force
David: one that is interpretable from the intentional stance
David: he sees the whole world against him
David: and assumes conspiracy
David: assumes its 'external forces'
David: well... it is.
David: external ideas.
David: because the membrane that keeps ideas from infiltrating nations has collapsed.
me: not shocking
David: not at all.
David: most are blind to it nonetheless.
me: re: his views, I mean
David: oh, yeah. He interprets it as best he can
me: at any rate, I'll be writing up some documentation on why we're doing this, what we hope to accomplish, our
me: "mandate," etc
me: so you can give it some though
me: some of these Tunisians will start working out of our server in next week or so
David: I'm sorry, I'm a little but occupied right now, but I am quite interesting in contributing where I can
David: I do feel I'll hafta be kinda 'caught up', and i definitely believe in what you're doing (though I will be critical whereever I think I find a flaw)
me: it'll be a long-term thing, so no rush, just wanted to give you a heads-up
me: and to the extent you're in touch with other competent folks who might be interested, please send them in my direction
me: this really is a great chance to sharpen our methodologies, see what can be done to counter all of the negative forces in geopolitics, even if just on a small scale
David: you ever read Godel, Escher, Bach?
me: not at all, no
David: okay
David: oh hay!
David: I have a connection to the leadership in Tel Aviv's movement
David: if you need to contact anyone there
me: that would be great
David: I sorta kinda made that one on my own, sans anonymous ;)
David: thing of it is
David: the Israeli movement is a little wonky

David: everyone's too afraid to address the i/p issue
David: there's cognitive dissonance in a huge way
me: yeah, there's an understatement
me: I avoid that issue like the plague
David: I've been trying to persuade him to work on persuading the movement to actually make a firm statement in opposition to ongoing conflict
David: in opposition to 'collective punishment'
David: and in support of the right to assembly for palestinians
David: I think my guy feels that task is too great for him. I've seen a few signs he might be coming around, though.
David: he's a neuroscience grad student at tel aviv university, which puts him in a good spot to recognize the novel forms of organization that resemble neurons
David: http://organizationofprotest.idemos.org/node/990
David: I don't speak moonspeak, but this is part of what my friend's been up to in Tel Aviv.
David: http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?hl=en&ie=UTF8&prev=_t&rurl=translate.google.com&sl=iw&tl=en&twu=1&u=http://www.mysay.co.il/articles/ShowArticle.aspx%3FarticlePI%3Daaatds&usg=ALkJrhhsKuwFPhONF8-uVnTWJAByoawD2g
David: if we can fix israel, the rest of the world will fall into place.